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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Group Art Unit: 2653

Examiner: Christopher R. Magee

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2004 (Paper No. 12142004). In the Office Action, the Examiner identified two distinct inventions. The Examiner required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect a single invention for prosecution. The two inventions identified by the Examiner are:

- I) Claims 1-11, drawn to a head slider with a precise positioning actuator,
- II) Claims 12-30, drawn to a manufacturing method of a head slider.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-11. It is understood that claims 12-30 will be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications.

An earlier examination and favorable action on claims 1-11 are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to

charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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